



**CITY OF HAYWARD**  
**AGENDA REPORT**

AGENDA DATE 04/08/03

AGENDA ITEM 2

WORK SESSION ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Execute a Professional Services Agreement for a Project Study Report on the Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project and Appropriation of Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Mark Thomas & Company, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000, for the preparation a Project Study Report and appropriating the necessary funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

On December 10, 2002, City Council authorized submittal of a funding request to the Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA) for \$1.5 million to prepare a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project. Subsequently, the ACTA Board approved the City's request.

Staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP), which was distributed to 12 potential prime consultant and several potential sub-consultant firms. Seven proposals were received. Following a staff review, a panel of City and ACTA staff interviewed four firms. Interviews were scored based upon experience with similar projects, approach, team organization, experience of project manager, and cost.

As a result of the interviews, the team led by the firm of Mark Thomas & Company scored the highest. Mark Thomas & Company assembled a team, which includes Dowling Associates, Inc., whose expertise is traffic engineering and transportation planning and Jones & Stokes, whose expertise is in the California Environmental Quality Act. In the proposal and during the interview, the Mark Thomas & Company team displayed the clearest understanding of the project's needs and the best overall knowledge and past experience with similar transportation and environmental issues. Staff subsequently met with the Mark Thomas team and successfully negotiated a refined scope of work and budget.

The study will analyze a number of critical issues. A traffic and transportation analysis will look at the traffic operations related to implementation of the improvement project. The City's traffic model, which is being updated under a separate contract, will be used to prepare traffic forecasts and to analyze Year 2025 conditions, both with and without the corridor

improvement project and to analyze an alternative that limits additional lanes to what can be provided without right-of-way acquisition. In order to improve traffic flow, the transportation analysis will analyze the prohibition of peak hour parking on traffic operations and congestion. The transportation analysis will also consider limiting access from some minor streets that currently intersect Mission and Foothill Boulevards. The corridor improvement project traffic analysis will also consider its effect on pedestrian, bicycle, and transit use and access.

Another key issue to be studied will be construction staging of the grade separation. Of critical importance will be the need to maintain traffic movements and to provide detours during the project construction. Right-of-way impacts resulting from construction of the grade separation and of the street widening will be analyzed.

In order to implement the desired Corridor Improvement Project, the use of flexible design standards such as the use of peak hour parking prohibitions will be necessary. Thus, potential relinquishment of all State Highways within the City is being studied as part of the project. Relinquishment has both positive and negative consequences; for example, more local control versus increased City costs for roadway and signal operation and maintenance. Relinquishment is a complicated issue and will certainly involve more discussion in the future.

The Mark Thomas team led by their environmental sub-consultant, Jones and Stokes, will prepare an initial study that will clearly identify the issues that would need to be addressed in a future Environmental Impact Report.

Public involvement is the key to success. The scope of work provides for public meetings at key points of the study, as well as presentations before the City Council. Additionally, staff is working to provide information on the web and to otherwise disseminate information to interested parties and the general public.


In summary, staff recommends that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Mark Thomas & Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000. In order to complete the scope of work and the project objectives, \$100,000 of this amount is reserved for additional services, since during the course of the project we may find that additional or refined tasks are necessary.

#### **FUNDING AND SCHEDULE:**

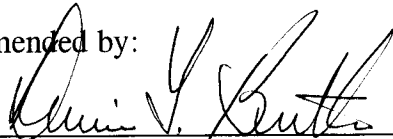
It is recommended that Council appropriate \$1.5 million for the Route 238 Corridor Project PSR from the Route 238 Trust Fund, since ACTA has committed \$1.5 million to the City for the purpose of preparing the Project Study Report. The remaining \$150,000 would be available for City staff costs and other City expenses. The City will be reimbursed by ACTA for costs as they are incurred.

It is anticipated the project study report will be completed by May 2004.

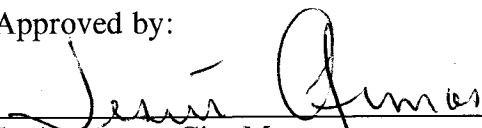
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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

Introduced by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER  
TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH MARK THOMAS & COMPANY  
FOR THE ROUTE 238 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 5119

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Hayward a professional services agreement for preparation of a Project Study Report for the Route 238 Corridor Improvement Project, Project No. 5119, with Mark Thomas & Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA April 8, 2003

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 03-

Introduced by Council Member Henson

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 02-087, AS  
AMENDED, THE BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL  
YEAR 2002-03, RELATING TO AN APPROPRIATION OF  
FUNDS FROM THE ROUTE 238 TRUST FUND, FUND 430,  
TO THE ROUTE 238 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 5119

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that Resolution  
No. 02-084, as amended, the Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2002-03, is hereby further  
amended by appropriating \$1,500,000 from the Route 238 Trust Fund, Fund 430, to the Route  
238 Corridor Improvement Project, Project No. 5119

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
MAYOR:

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ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney of the City of Hayward